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1. THE FORTHCOMING UNGA WAS A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION
AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING. FRG PRESIDENCY
OFFICER STABREIT GAVE US THE FOLLOWING READOUT:

2. EC PORTION OF GENSCHER'S SEPTEMBER 26 UN ADDRESS.
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STABREIT SAID PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE DRAFT
THOUGH MUCH WORK NEEDED TO BE DONE. THE FOREIGN
OFFICE DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS, GORENFLOS, TOLD US
EARLIER THAT THE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF THE
DRAFT WERE APPROVED BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, THOUGH
THE FRENCH HAD ASKED THAT DISARMAMENT ISSUES BE GIVEN
GREATER EMPHASIS AND THIS WAS BEING DONE. THE NEW

DRAFT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NINE'S EC EXPERTS IN
NEW YORK FOR FURTHER MASSAGING.

3. EC DECLARATION ON PEACEKEEPING. STABREIT SAID THE
POLITICAL DIRECTORS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE
PROGRESS OF THE NINE'S CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
ON THE DECLARATION. GORENFLOS TOLD VISITING DAS HELMAN
THAT THE NINE HAD NEARLY COMPLETED THEIR CONSULTATIONS
WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES AND HAD BEGUN TO APPROACH THIRD
WORLD NATIONS. THERE HAD NOT YET BEEN ANY REACTION FROM
THE LATTER GROUP. GORENFLOS AGREED TO CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN THE US/NORDICS/FRG PRESIDENCY IN NEW YORK ON
THE NINE'S DECLARATION (SEPTTEL). HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE
DRAFT, WHICH WAS LARGELY AN FRG INITIATIVE, WAS THE
LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR OF COMMUNITY
THINKING ON PEACEKEEPING. HE SAID THE FRENCH, IN
PARTICULAR, HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO MAKE THE DECLARATION
MORE CONCRETE.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS. STABREIT CONFIRMED THE VIEWS EXPRESSED
BY GORENFLOS TO HELMAN (SEPTTEL) ON THE NINE'S CONCERN
THAT HUMAN RIGHTS COULD BE A FOCAL POINT OF THE UNGA.
HE SAID THE NINE'S UN EXPERTS HAD BEEN ASKED TO
ACCELERATE THEIR WORK ON COORDINATING A COMMUNITY
POSITION TO DEAL WITH EXPECTED SOVIET AND THIRD WORLD
CRITICISM OF THE WEST. STABREIT NOTED THAT THE BRITISH,
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IN PARTICULAR, SHARED GERMAN CONCERNS THAT THE NINE
WOULD BE ATTACKED ON THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE.

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5. WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THEIR HAD BEEN SOME SUGGESTION THAT THE NINE PUBLICLY EXPLAIN THEIR WALKOUT AT GENEVA. THE MAJORITY VIEW, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE NINE'S ACTION HAD BEEN BOTH CLEAR AND JUSTIFIED AND REQUIRED NO FURTHER EXPLANATION. AS A COMPROMISE, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS INSTRUCTED THAT A POSITION PAPER BE PREPARED EXPLAINING THE NINE'S POSITION AND DISTRIBUTED ON AN IF ASKED BASIS ONLY.

6. CYPRUS. THE QUESTION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THE CYPRUS ISSUE DURING THE UNGA HAD PROVEN TO BE VERY DELICATE; THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON PROCEDURE OR SUBSTANCE. STABREIT DECLINED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON THIS AND WE WILL ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW-UP ELSEWHERE.

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7. SOVIET APPROACH TO UNGA. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD SHARPEN THEIR CRITICISM OF THE WEST DURING THE UNGA. IN GENERAL, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE INCLINED TO BE MORE FIRM IN MEETING SOVIET MOVES. THEY AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NINE WOULD NOT WALK OUT OF ANY DISCUSSIONS UNLESS PROCEDURAL POINTS WERE INVOLVED.

8. NON-ALIGNED. THE UN WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED TO STUDY RECENT TRENDS AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

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